

HOUSE BILL 7017

By Davis A

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
relative to stalking.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-315, is amended by adding
the following new subsection:

(1) If a person commits stalking, aggravated stalking, or especially aggravated
stalking, and the offense was committed because of the victim's status as a healthcare
provider who performs abortions, then the offense is a hate crime and shall be punished
one (1) classification higher than otherwise provided in this section.

(2) As used in this subsection (), "healthcare provider" means a healthcare
professional licensed, registered, certified, or permitted pursuant to title 63 or title 68 and
regulated under the authority of either the department of health or an agency, board,
council, or committee attached to the department of health.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect October 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.